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Legislation Standing Committee



Care for our Common Home

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To: Diocesan Legislation Standing Committee Chairpersons

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Chairperson

cc: Provincial Executive, Diocesan Presidents, and National Legislation
Standing Committee Chairperson

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***For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works,
which God prepared in advance for us to do.***

Eph 2:10

Hello to all and Happy Thanksgiving!

This first directive serves as primarily as an introduction. I am honoured to have been recently appointed by Ontario provincial president Colleen Perry to the position of legislation standing committee chairperson of the Ontario Provincial Council (OPC) and I look forward to working with all of you.

For those of you who do not know me, my legal birth name is Elizabeth, but I was always called by my nickname "Betsy" since I was a toddler. I joined the Catholic Women's League in 1993 to drive my aging mother to her parish CWL meetings and was immediately "hooked". I was elected president elect of our council at my second meeting and subsequently served 14 years on the parish executive in various positions. After a hiatus for a few years from council executive positions, I accepted an appointment to the Sault Ste. Marie Diocesan council where I served again in various positions over 10 years. I represented the Sault Ste. Marie diocesan council on the OPC from 2017-2019. Over many years, I have been blessed to work, pray and play with many wonderful ladies who I am privileged to call "friends and sisters".

I am a retired registered nurse and had a wonderful career at the bedside, in teaching and in management. Steve and I have been married for 11 years now and we have a blended family of three married adult children (two boys and one girl.) We have 9 beautiful grandchildren ranging in age from 14 to 36 and are also blessed with 2 great-grandchildren.

I love nature and camping in the RV all summer at the lake. I also have a passion for cycling – motorcycling that is! I have a gorgeous bright yellow, large motorcycle and enjoy riding whenever I get a chance. I feel such a sense of God’s presence as I’m scooting down the highways – the sights, sounds and the smells multiplied one hundred-fold.

I am very excited to be the legislation chair. It will be a learning experience for me and a challenge that I welcome wholeheartedly. It is my hope that together we can learn more about current provincial legislation and can become more involved in whatever social action comes out of it. I hope too that our excitement becomes contagious with our members and sparks them to write letters and /or call their provincial members of parliament to voice concerns or suggestions. I pray that God will guide us as we move forward over the next few months.

In the next month or so look for a second directive with more legislative content after I have had a chance to become familiar with my position, do some reading and learning, and review some current legislation.

Until next time, there is much we can be doing.

I borrowed this from Wilma Vanderswaag’s Resolutions directive #9 from September 23, 2021:

“Note--Another very worthwhile workshop to view as many councils integrate Legislation with Resolutions is the new Legislation Workshop created by Betty Colaneri before completing her term as National Legislation Chair. Look under Resources- 800 Series- Legislation Workshop 2021.”

Take a few moments to look at adopted resolution(s) on the provincial and national websites, then encourage members to review the action plans at the bottom of each of the resolution(s) and do the work as the Ephesians 2:10 quote directs us!

Blessings and hugs, Betsy

